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1. Between 14 and 20 July 1950, in a meeting of the Revolutionary Military Council, the decision was made to bomb military targets on Taiwan in conjunction with sea assault, as well as provide air cover for the crossing.
2. The staff of the Chinese Communist Army Headquarters insisted on the necessity of bombing Taiwan. Air force representatives stated that only small raids were possible owing to the lack of planes. MAO Tse-tung, who was presiding over the meeting, objected to the raids and recalled the Hainan experience, in which air force was not necessary. The argument that Taiwan presented greater difficulty was put forward by the staff and accepted by MAO.

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